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Municipal Services Committee Special Meeting
Tuesday, January 18, 2022
12 Noon

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Members and Alternates

Peter Souza, Chair
Grace Tiezzi
Stanley Hawthorne
Robert Skinner
John Elsesser
Eden Wimpfheimer
Kimberly Lord
David Nourse
Matt Hart

Town/Organization

Windsor
Avon
Bloomfield
Canton
Coventry
East Granby
Manchester
Southington
West Hartford

CRCOG Staff

Kimberly Bona
Tim Malone
Aaliyah Miller
Robyn Nichols
Erik Snowden
Lyle Wray
Pauline Yoder

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Guests

None.

Chairperson Mr. Peter Souza called the meeting to order at 12:01 pm.

1. Adoption of Minutes: December 7, 2021

Mr. Souza requested a motion to adopt the minutes. Ms. Grace Tiezzi made a motion to adopt the December 7, 2021, Municipal Service Committee minutes as presented. Mr. Bob Skinner seconded the motion and the motion carried with Mr. Skinner abstaining.

2. Approval of 2022 DRAFT Municipal Services Committee Meeting Schedule

Mr. Souza entertained a motion to approve the 2022 MSC Meeting Schedule and it carried unanimously.

3. Public Comment

No public comment.

4. EDA Grant Status and Updates

Mr. Tim Malone presented to the committee and provided an update on the EDA Grant. To view the presentation, [click here](#).

5. APRA memo and discussion on Municipal use of ARPA funds

Ms. Pauline Yoder asked if there were any questions on the ARPA memo.

Mr. Souza inquired about workforce development and asked if there will be any funding from Capital Workforce Partners (CWP) for the job center, or if it will solely be funded by municipalities. Ms. Yoder stated funding from CWP is a possibility.

Mr. John Elsesser asked if towns that are newer to CRCOG will be included? Ms. Yoder explained that it is the hope that all towns will be included.

Mr. Matt Hart asked if there have been any soft commitments regarding funding made from municipalities yet. Ms. Yoder stated there has been interest expressed, but that is all at this time.

Mr. Hart spoke about stormwater projects and the potential for establishing a regional stormwater utility later with the ARPA grant source, or perhaps in the newer bill and the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) grant. Ms. Yoder stated there may be potential with IIJA but is unsure at this time, as the guidelines and notice of funds are not yet available as the implementer has not been passed yet. Discussion ensued.

6. Status Reports

To view the status reports, [click here](#).

7. Municipal Information Sharing

Mr. Elsesser inquired as to whether ezIQC bridge and road maintenance projects be accepted for grants? Ms. Yoder stated that it is possible and explained CRCOG is working on getting approval from DAS. Some projects have been approved and others are not. Mr. Elsesser asked if it would be advantageous to see if they will agree to a

certain project cost limit. Ms. Yoder explained CRCOG is in the process of getting some sort of standardized approval.

Mr. Souza mentioned the DOT delegation of projects COG's. Perhaps a memo explaining this concept would be helpful to share with MSC. Dr. Wray stated this is part of CRCOG's Draft Legislative Agenda as well. Discussion followed.

8. Adjournment

With no further business, Chairman Souza entertained a motion to adjourn at 12:43pm and the motion carried unanimously.

The next meeting of the Municipal Services Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, February 15, 2022.